

#15  
12-21-00  
AM

S/N 09/459,815

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: SKENE ET AL. Examiner: NOT ASSIGNED **RECEIVED**  
Serial No.: 09/459,815 Group Art Unit: 2739 **DEC 26 2000**  
Filed: DECEMBER 13, 1999 Docket No.: 50002.2USU1 **Technology Center 2100**  
Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR BALANCING LOAD DISTRIBUTION  
ON A WIDE AREA NETWORK



CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the paper, as described herein, are being deposited in the United States Postal Service, as first class mail, with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on December 13, 2000.

By: *John W. Branch*  
John W. Branch

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. §1.97(b))

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

**RECEIVED**

**DEC 21 2000**

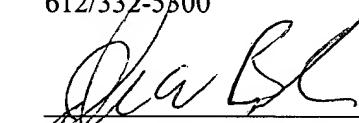
**Technology Center 2600**

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

MERCHANT & GOULD P.C.  
P.O. Box 2903  
Minneapolis, MN 55402-0903  
612/332-5300

Date: 12/13/00

  
John W. Branch, Reg. No. 41,633  
Direct Contact: 206.342.6252  
JWB:jk